GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
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SPINAL INJURY CENTRE
KINJARAPU YERRANNAIDU

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have set up an Indian Spinal Injury Centre at New Delhi;

(b) if so, the broad services rendered by this center during the last one year and the future plans of this centre;

(c) whether the Government propose to set-up such apex `Spinal Injury Centres` in all the State Capitals of the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA)

(a) to (e) India Spinal Injury Centre at New Delhi, run by an NGO, has been set up with assistance provided under a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed by the Government of India and the Government of Italy in 1991, to promote comprehensive management of the spinal injured and rehabilitation of locomotor disabled. Assistance in the form of equipment and technical expertise has been made available under Indo-Italian cooperation. Government of India has provided support for capital expenditure besides continuing support for sponsoring thirty free beds for poor and indigent patients. The services provided by ISIC include medical & surgical interventions as well as physical, psychosocial, and vocational rehabilitation services with plans for strengthening such services in future. ISIC is also expected to provide the required technical support for setting up the Regional Rehabilitation Centres (RRCs) for Persons with Spinal Injuries and other Orthopedic Disabilities being established under a centrally sponsored scheme at different places. Presently four RRCs are being set up at Barielly (UP) Jabalpur (MP), Cuttack (Orissa) and Mohali (Punjab).